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-- HE KNEW IN '72 ---

Roger Lea MacBride, the 1972 Republican elector who defected from Richard Nixon, is escorting Free Libertarian Party gubernatorial candidate Jerry Tuccille in his campaign swing around New York State this weekend.

MacBride, who cast his 1972 electoral vote for Libertarian Party candidates John Hospers and Tonie Nathan rather than his party's nominee, Richard Nixon, announced his decision by saying it was "an attempt to put principles ahead of party politics."

Explaining that he could not in good conscience vote for Nixon because "he has moved the government toward ever greater control over the lives of us all," he stated that by doing what he did, he hoped to tell Nixon that he has "lost his way."

MacBride considers that working with the Free Libertarian Party, which is campaigning for the 50,000 votes necessary to win a permanent place on the New York State ballot, is the best way to demonstrate his disenchantment with the identical "spend, spend, spend - tax, tax, tax" policies of the major party candidates.

"If the Free Libertarian Party gets their 50,000 votes - and everything I've seen convinces me they can - we will have given the politicians a message they cannot ignore," MacBride said, citing the party's campaign slogan.